

MISSING GIRL MARS CHRISTMAS JOYS.



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It was a very sorrowful Christmas eve at home of the Niedens, of Carlstadt, N. J. The small children laughed and found much joy in the Santa Claus gifts, and the grandfather, Chris Niedens, and other grown up members of the family were grief stricken. The cause of it was the mysterious absence of pretty Tillie Mechler, the adopted daughter of the Niedens, who has been missing since Friday afternoon. Not a word to explain her absence has been received.

Miss Mechler is twenty years old. Her real name is Worling, but fifteen years ago, when she was taken from a wretched home, the name of her friend and benefactor, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Niedens's aunt, as bestowed upon her. A few years ago, Mrs. Mechler died, leaving her adopted daughter to the care of the Niedens. It also said she left a snug bit of property.

Miss Mechler's life since her adoption has never been marked by a sorrow, so far as

her friends know. Her closest companion was Barbara Niedens. Mrs. Niedens requested Miss Mechler to visit Brunner's jewelry store at Rutherford last Friday to have some jewelry repaired. At 3 o'clock the girl was seen in Waller's dry goods store at Rutherford. Not a movement of hers since then is known. She did not visit the jewelry store. It is said that her health had been bad of late, but she was bright and cheerful on Friday, and her friends thought she was in good luck. Her mother, who lives in Passaic, has suffered from mental disorder for some years.

The police of all neighboring towns are unable to throw any light upon the mystery. Miss Mechler had not visited her mother or relatives in Passaic. The Niedens place no faith in the theory of elopement. Miss Niedens is positive that Miss Mechler had no love affair. There is even less substance to the theory of foul play.

Miss Mechler is tall and about five feet three inches in height. She is fair and has blue eyes. She wore a dark blue serge skirt, a blue satin waist with lace on the sleeves, and a dark hat trimmed with green.

ELDED A WOMAN IN BONDAGE FOR \$35.

Illian May Have a Colony of Slaves in Avon, N. Y.

Longton, D. C., Dec. 24.—The Treasury department will make a thorough inquiry of the alleged enslavement of immigrants at Avon, Livingston, N. Y. It is alleged that 270 Italians are in virtual slavery there by one ore Delabatis, who controls their lives and appropriates their wages. A report by the department by Inspector Smiley, indicates that these people are intent and purposes slaves, and is the result of an organized

Secretary of the Treasury Taylor for New York Tuesday morning official inquiry with respect to what is known as the story of Michael Santorini, Santorini is a brother, Delabatis, and nearly a year ago he later asking him to help his wife and son, after arriving held in bondage at Avon for the purpose of extorting money from him, he has paid his brother-in-law money he advanced to bring them

boy escaped and joined his regiment. Inspector J. R. Delabatis was ordered to make an inquiry in a report received says: locate a very stubborn man, give up the woman unless he is freed by him to Santorini, and asked payment for the board Mrs. Santorini for five months. Interview with him he refused to leave his house, but would not go to Buffalo. I brought her to

graphed to Inspector Smiley and sent him to me for his to the Delabatis. He replied would be sent. There are three and several Italian Delabatis is the head of the res out the Italians of the a and fruit growers. He has requested the Committee to look out for young in Avon, as I fear Delabatis are holding them

have been sent to the in New York requesting him to in regard to Italian immigrants in the western part of the probably will be prosecuted.

Wife Off for England.

Dec. 24.—Mrs. J. H. McMecher, of Barclay Street, and married by Waldorf Card, are awaiting the arrival of a steamer from Portland, and they will proceed to

THE QUEEN TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE

It Will Be Garnished with an Array of Royal Presents.

SHE STAYS AT WINDSOR.

Though England Is Gloomy, the Season Is Observed with Gentle Gayety.

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London, Dec. 24.—Only on three occasions since the death of the Prince Consort has Queen Victoria spent Christmas at Windsor Castle. Her majesty's preference is to celebrate the Yuletide at Osborne, where, as at Balmoral, she can be in greater quiet and enjoyment of her family circle.

Her anxiety to be in close touch to receive news by private wire from London of events in South Africa induced her, however, at a late hour last Sunday to cancel all arrangements for going to the Isle of Wight.

There is to be, as usual, the royal Christmas tree. This will be brought into the green drawing room, and around it will be displayed the presents which the Queen and Princesses give to each other. There will also be gifts for the lords and gentlemen of the royal household. The young Rattensberg and other of the royal children will have a tree of their own and gentlemen on Christmas Eve. The children, who have amusements by themselves in the afternoon are included in the family dinner party on Christmas night. The military band will play in the portico outside. The dinner lasts about an hour, or until 9.30, and then the remainder of the evening is spent in conversation until about 11.

A Mighty Tree This.

The scene of the Christmas tree entertainment is to be in the fine gothic hall known as St. George's. The Christmas tree, taken by royal gardeners from the Windsor forest, was on Friday afternoon placed in position near the carved oak throne. The Princess Henry and other members of the royal family have busied themselves arranging and classifying the presents on the tree. There are useful garments, purses, work reticules for women, little imitation socks full of sweets, and toys of all descriptions for the children. Two tables each a hundred feet long have been prepared whereat the guests will partake of high tea. The Duchess of Cornwall and Princess Beatrice will distribute the presents from the tree.

HER HUSBAND DEAD IN THE CAR SEAT BESIDE HER.

Esra Schofield, a New York Jeweler, Went to Sleep and Died on the Way from Larchmont.

Esra Schofield fell asleep on a train that was bringing him and his wife from Larchmont last evening and died. When the train was nearing the Grand Central Station Mrs. Schofield tried to awaken him and found that he had passed away.

The dead man was aged sixty-two, and lived at No. 48 West One Hundred and Thirty-second street. He was the proprietor of a jewelry store at No. 35 John street. With his wife he went to Larchmont to visit his mother, who is aged eighty-seven. After boarding the train to return he felt faint, but a glass of water seemed to revive him. He had been feeling ill for several years from heart trouble.

He leaves a daughter and a son, P. J. Schofield, of the Excelsior Publishing Company.

Two Women Held as Shoplifters.

Louise Wainwright, who says she lives at Fifth avenue and One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street, and May Robeson, alias Roberts, of No. 123 West Thirty-fifth street, were arrested in a Sixth avenue department store on Saturday night by the store detectives on a charge of stealing dry goods amounting to \$18. In Jefferson Market Police Court, where they were arraigned yesterday, Headquarters Detective Price said that both were well-known shoplifters and that Louise Wainwright's picture was in the Rogues' Gallery. They were held for examination.

AN EARL'S DAUGHTER NURSES THE WOUNDED



The Hon. Mrs. Goldman, a Nurse at Pietermaritzburg.

Pietermaritzburg, Dec. 24.—Among the many hard worked women nurses who are mercifully tending to the wounded British soldiers here is the Hon. Mrs. Goldman, second daughter of Lord Peel and sister of the Hon. Mrs. Rochford Maguire. Both ladies are at present with their husbands in South Africa, Mrs. Maguire

being among the besieged garrison at Kimberley. Mrs. Goldman and her husband were going to the front at the beginning of the war under the protection of General Buller. Mr. Goldman, while riding in Ladysmith the day before their departure, sustained an accident and their journey was delayed. Later Mrs. Goldman made her headquarters at Pietermaritzburg, and has had an ample field for her work of mercy.

PLAUCON THE IDOL IN SUNDAY CONCERT

Mme. Schumann-Heink Also Heard With Delight in German Airs.

AT THE METROPOLITAN.

Mme. Suzanne Adams a Soloist at the Opening of the Series.



Mme. Schumann-Heink.

(Photo Copyright by A. Dupont.)

She sang a number of selections at the first of the Grau Opera Company Sunday night concerts last evening.

SHE THREW HER DIAMOND EARRINGS IN THE STOVE.

When William Barker, of Newark, N. J., gave a handsome pair of diamond earrings to his wife on Saturday for a Christmas present, she was surprised and pleased, but her happiness was brief.

After admiring the gems she wrapped them in tissue paper and laid them on the dining room table. Soon afterward Mrs. Barker, while clearing the table, picked up the diamonds with some small pieces of paper which littered the table and threw them into the stove. A moment later she realized what she had done.

A glance into the stove showed the earrings twisted out shape on top of the glowing coals. Mrs. Barker got them out and will have the stones reset.

WOMAN, POLICEMAN AND DRIVER HURT IN RUNAWAY.

First Victim, Who Withheld Her Name, Was Injured by Leaping from the Coach.

Something frightened a team of horses attached to a coach in Thirty-fourth street, near Third avenue, last night and they ran away. John O'Brien, the driver, was thrown from his seat. He escaped with slight bruises.

Two young women were in the coach. One opened the door and jumped out. Her companion fell back in a swoon. The woman who jumped out her face in several places.

Patmen Kenny and Roy stopped the team near Lexington avenue. Kenny was slightly hurt, one of the horses stepping on his foot. Both women declined to give their names or to accept medical assistance. The driver drove the team away. He would not tell his address.

WOMAN WITH GIFTS HELD UP.

Thief Captured and Money and Ring Recovered by Fleet Detective.

Frank J. Hooper, who says he lives at No. 1075 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, was before Magistrate Steers in the Flatbush Police Court yesterday on a charge of highway robbery.

Mrs. Beatrice Battenberg, of No. 643 Franklin avenue, said that on Saturday night she was returning home with Christmas presents for her four little ones when at Franklin avenue and Pacific street Hooper grabbed her pocketbook containing \$2, wrenched her wedding ring from her finger, and was relieving her of her bun when she was rescued by a passerby frightened him away.

Detective Lynch captured the man after a five blocks' chase, and the pocketbook, money and ring were recovered.

Hooper was held for examination this morning.

MRS. SANDERSON WILL SUE WITNESS FOR DAMAGES.

Is to Prosecute for Perjury Her Servant Girl, Who Told the Ground Glass Story.

Marshall, Mich., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Marie Butterfield Sanderson, who was acquitted of the charge of attempting to murder her aged husband by feeding him ground glass, held a reception in the hotel to-day, at which many citizens congratulated her. She stated that she slept free from care last night for the first time in fifteen months.

She will sue the servant girl, Marie Robertson, the main witness for the prosecution, for damages, and prosecute her for perjury. She will return to Battle Creek after the holidays. Mrs. Sanderson says the trial has left her practically penniless.

French Woman in Insane Pavilion.

Miss Pauline Miznani, thirty-one years old, a French musician, living at No. 178 East Eighth-street, was taken last night to the insane hospital in a private ambulance and will be examined in regard to her mental condition.

BEAT WIFE, SHOT BROTHER-IN-LAW.

Mrs. Grimes Took Refuge With Her Sister and a Fight Followed.

TUMA'S WOUND SERIOUS.

Christmas Eve Drinking Ended in a Murder in Elizabeth, N. J.

John Grimes, of Concord, Staten Island, beat his wife yesterday afternoon and later in the day put a bullet through the stomach of his brother-in-law, Joseph Tuma. He sent another bullet coursing along Tuma's scalp. Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Tuma saw the shooting from an upstairs window. Mrs. Grimes prevented Mrs. Tuma from taking her husband's revolver and going to his assistance.

Grimes's wife had on several occasions threatened to have him arrested for assault. He so beat her yesterday that she left her home and went to the house of her sister, Mrs. Tuma. The two houses are in the same block. As Mrs. Grimes went out her husband called out that he was going to get a pistol and kill her.

She had hardly arrived at her sister's house and told Mr. and Mrs. Tuma her story when Grimes appeared in the yard. Tuma went out to see what he wanted. Grimes asked him where his wife was and then said:

"I'd like to fight some one to-day. Come out in the street and I'll fight you."

After Tuma had replied that if he wanted to fight the yard was a good enough place, Grimes drew a revolver and fired at Tuma. The bullet hit him in the stomach. Tuma fell to the ground, but quickly recovered and started for the street to get a stone. Grimes fired four other shots. One bullet grazed Tuma's scalp and another split his left arm.

Mrs. Tuma said last night that Grimes was intoxicated when he did the shooting. She said, too, that she got her husband's revolver, and but for the fact that Mrs. Grimes stopped her she would have shot the man who shot her husband.

Grimes was arrested. He was taken to Tuma's bedside and the latter identified him as the man who shot him. Tuma's recovery is doubtful.

As a result of a quarrel, growing out of Christmas eve drinking, Michael Grogan, an Englishman, was shot and instantly killed in Third avenue, near John street, Elizabeth, N. J. Frederick Davis, a negro, is said to have fired the shot.

Grogan and John Bird were in a saloon drinking. Davis came in and he and Grogan quarreled. They went into the street and renewed their fight. Davis pulled a revolver and fired. The bullet went through Grogan's heart. Davis has not been arrested. He has served one term in prison.

WEDDING SAVED A BRIDEGROOM'S LIFE.

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FOREIGNERS WIN AMERICAN BRIDES.



Miss Demsey to Be the Bride of the Swedish Consul at Nice.

She is an American heiress and has been a favorite in the society of the French capital since she left this city. The ceremony, it is understood, will take place in February.

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Paris, Dec. 24.—There is much talk in social circles of the approaching marriage of the dashing American woman, Mrs. Bartlett, to Count Chlapowski. Mrs. Bartlett is the former wife of the distinguished American sculptor, Paul Wayland Bartlett, who is at present executing an equestrian statue of Lafayette.

Mrs. Bartlett is considered one of the best looking women here. Count Chlapowski is a Pole by birth, young, tall, good looking and moderately rich. Madame Modjeska is his aunt.

Another American girl is about to be married to a foreigner in France, the Swedish Consul at Nice. She is Miss Elizabeth Demsey, of New York. She is an heiress. The marriage will take place in February.

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THE MAINE'S DEAD ARRIVE ON AMERICAN SOIL

Battle Ship Texas Sighted at Cape Henry, Va., After a Safe Voyage from Havana.

Cape Henry, Va., Dec. 24.—The United States battle ship Texas passed in the capes to-night.

The war ship has on board the remains of those who were killed in the blowing up of her sister ship, the battle ship Maine.